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Palestinian Authority president accuses Tel Aviv of withholding revenues

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Statements from Washington and Tehran hint at some tough choices to come

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Younger generation reluctant to become blue-collar workers

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Lenders expand underwriting, wealth management amid slowing growth in traditional business

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Loss of suppliers slows automotive revival

Demise of tier-one component makers means economy is not reaping full benefit of surge in sector

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Supreme leader’s choice leaves him facing his gravest test

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EU regulation could circumvent national bans on unlicensed taxi services

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Natural, low calorie alternative sweetener has become the ‘holy grail’ of the food industry

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Rival’s share price remains main obstacle to a deal

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Billions must be spent to underpin services and battle online challengers

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Failure of strategy and tactics was a long time coming and it should lead to a comprehensive review

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